



I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to:  
Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA  
22313 on 7/3/2004

Date of Deposit

Gustavo Siller, Jr., Reg. No. 32,305

Name of Applicant, Assignee or  
Registered Representative

Signature

Our File No. 9281-4631  
Client No. N US02078

### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Yukiharu Hayashi )  
Serial No. 10/642,899 )  
Filing Date: August 18, 2003 )  
For Dual-Type Magnetic Detecting )  
Element in Which Free Magnetic )  
Layer and Pinned Magnetic Layer )  
Have Suitably Selected  $\beta$  Values )

TC 2600 C30  
STATUS INQUIRY  
RECEIVED

JUL 30 2004

### STATUS INQUIRY

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313

Initials: MS

Dear Sir:

Applicant filed the above-identified application on August 18, 2003, but has not yet received an official Filing Receipt. Please advise the undersigned attorney as to when an official Filing Receipt is expected to issue on this application.

Respectfully submitted,

Gustavo Siller, Jr.  
Registration No. 32,305  
Attorney for Applicant

BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE  
P.O. BOX 10395  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60610  
(312) 321-4200

Rest Available Copy